

California Apprenticeship Council  
Legislative Standing Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting

Wyndham Hotel, San Jose CA  
July 26, 2006

- I. The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. The roll was called. Commissioners Callahan, Garcia, Rowan and Turchen were in attendance; therefore, a quorum was present. The minutes from the meeting on June 14, 2006, were approved with one correction of a typographical error on page 1, last paragraph, line 2. The word “filed” was changed to “failed”.
- II. Pending Bills - Update was given on four pending bills:
  - AB 2929 – Apprenticeship Oversight. Both ABC and DAS have discussed possible amendments with the bill’s author. Chief Rowan said that DAS does not have sufficient staff to fulfill its existing responsibilities, much less assume responsibility, for the additional audits mandated by the bill in its present form. It would be more realistic to allow DAS to “focus” future audits on programs with low graduation rates. Similarly, DAS has suggested that it be permitted to survey a statistically valid random sample of apprenticeship program drop-outs rather than call each and every one to ascertain the reason(s) that they decided to terminate their apprenticeships. Barry Noonan suggested that stratified random samples utilizing age, gender and ethnicity as variables may yield more useful data than a simple random sample.
  - AB 2448 – Regional Occupational Centers and Programs: Administration. The June 26 version of this bill was substantially amended and then passed out of the Senate Education Committee. The amendments seem to have mollified most, if not all, of the bill’s opponents. Al Tweltridge summarized the main provisions of the bill in response to a request from Leo Garcia.
  - AB 2907 – Electrician Apprenticeship. Chief Rowan summarized the bill and opined that it may need more “tweaking.” Barry Noonan commented on the inclusion of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education as one of the agencies that can approve an electrician certification curriculum. Al Tweltridge pointed out that it may be necessary to expand the Electrician Certification Committee to include the Bureau, otherwise, DAS may inadvertently be saddled with more work (and expense) handling matters that the Bureau should be handling.

- AB 918 – California State University – Recognition of CTE – This bill would require California State University (CSU) to recognize Career Technical Education (CTE) classes for purposes of calculating grade point averages and evaluating applications for admission. The bill is very popular with all segments of the education community, except for CSU, which is doing everything it can to “kill” it. It was reported that the Governor will sign AB 918 if it reaches his desk.

III. Other Bills of Potential Interest to CAC

- Barry Noonan asked what happened to the bill that would have allowed the Department of Education and the Community Colleges to use surplus apprenticeship program funds in any given year to “pay” for deficits that were incurred in prior years. He was informed that the most recent attempt to pass such a bill failed several years ago. It was suggested that he contact former Commissioner Yvonne de la Pena, who was one of the main proponents of the measure, to discuss the possibility of reviving interest in this idea.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.